

**WESTOVER CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 21, 2023**

The meeting of the Council of the City of Westover, Alabama was held in the City Hall in Westover, Alabama at 6:30 p.m. on February 21, 2023.

Call To Order

Mayor Riggins called the meeting to order.

Roll Call – Clerk Meacham

Upon roll call, the Mayor declared a quorum present and the regular session opened for transaction of business.

In Attendance

Mayor: Larry Riggins – Councilmembers: Roberta Stamp, Wayne Jones, Susan Lane, Annette Tyler and Dr. Jay Crisman.

Absent

None

Invocation

The invocation was given by Councilmember Mayor Riggins.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was led by Mayor Larry Riggins.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Riggins thanked the Councilmembers for wearing red in honor of “Heart Month”.

Mayor Riggins announced the City of Westover is co-hosting the Community of Hope Health Screening and will be held Saturday, February 25, 2023 at New Assembly of Life Church from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon. The free health screenings will include blood pressure checks, insulin checks and other screenings. This event is posted on the Westover Facebook page, Westover Website page and posted on our bulletin board located outside City Hall. The posters are both in English and Hispanic. Everyone please “Thank” Pastor Matt Britt for allowing the use of their church.

There is one open position for the Board of Zoning Committee and one open position for the Planning Commission Committee.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The pre-meeting minutes of February 7, 2023 were presented for adoption.

A motion was made by Councilmember Susan Lane to adopt the pre-meeting minutes of February 7, 2023.

A second was made by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

The pre-meeting minutes of February 7, 2023 were adopted unanimously as presented.

The regular meeting minutes for February 7, 2023 were presented for adoption.

A motion was made by Councilmember Roberta Stamp to adopt the regular meeting minutes of February 7, 2023.

A second was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The February 7, 2023 regular meeting minutes were adopted unanimously as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2023 January Treasurer's report was distributed in pre-meeting and will be presented for a motion at the next meeting.

The February 21, 2023 bank balances were distributed in pre-meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY** – Councilmember Susan Lane
Business Development – The next Westover Business Alliance Luncheon will be held Thursday, April 27, 2023 at Bell Farm and more details to be announced. Like and follow our Facebook page for updates.

Our Westover newsletter was sent out on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 and I hope everyone received it.

*Shelby County Sheriff's Office will continue their six full page Ads for the Our Westover Newsletter.

*Did anyone locate the email list on the city website?

Mayor Riggins replied we have not but, it may be linked somewhere else instead of our website.

Public Safety – I attended a public safety meeting with Sheriff Samaniego on Thursday, February 16, 2023. If the city has a big event, we can get inmates as a one-time thing. If someone with rights to the Westover City facebook page will "like" the Shelby County Sheriff's Office facebook page, all announcements from the Sheriff's Office will publish on the City of Westover facebook page. It's a great way to keep citizens informed.

- B. **EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Councilmember Annette Tyler
Education – No report

Public Relations – The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce will host the following:

Go & Grow Workshop will be held Thursday, February 23, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at The Shelby County Chamber.

Healthy Lifestyle Expo will be held Thursday, March 2, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Grande Hall @ Old Mill Square.

Network 280 at Urban Home Market 101 Inverness Corners will be held Thursday, March 2, 2023 from 4:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

2023 “Montgomery Drive-In” co-hosted by 58 Inc. Calera Main Street Leadership Skills first meeting will be held March 14, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. There will be multiple classes check Shelby County Chamber of Commerce website for more details.

C. LIBRARY AND SENIOR PROGRAM – Councilmember Annette Tyler

Library – The new process of checking in books is still being set up.

Seniors – No Report

D. ANNEXATION AND ZONING – Councilmember Wayne Jones – No Report

E. PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY - Councilmember Dr. Jay Crisman – Reported February is American Heart Month about heart health and for more information go to:

hearttruth.gov

<https://CDC.gov/heartdisease/AmericanHeartMonth>

<https://millionhearts.hhs.gov>

<https://www.livetothebeat.org/>

<https://www.nhibi.nih.gov/education/american-heart-month>

F. SUBDIVISIONS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Councilmember Roberta Stamp – No Report

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Governmental Utilities Services Corporation - Councilmember Annette Tyler – No Report

Planning Commission – Chairman Ed Stowell – Absent

Attorney – Mr. William Justice – Absent

Board of Zoning – Acting Chair Jeff Muzer – Absent

Westover Fire Department - Chief Micah Woodley – Absent

Mayor Riggins reported Chief Woodley has been installing equipment for the new Battalion Truck. The last year FEMA Grant we received, the last of the equipment was received last week. We have been reimbursed for the purchases and the remaining \$5000.00 we will get reimbursed from Shelby County. Also, Chief Woodley is working on the shifts schedule.

Councilmember Dr. Crisman commented "Thank You" to Chief Woodley and the firemen for their quick response to an injured dog, the owner had deceased, and brought the dog to his Clinic and was able to save the dog's leg due to their quick response. The dog was reunited with the deceased owner's family. The family sends a "Thank You" to Chief Woodley and his staff for their quick action. Mayor Riggins replied this is common compassion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Riggins reported there is one Board of Zoning open position. If you know of anyone that would like to be a part of the Planning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mt. Tabor Annex Foundation Replacement Bid Package was presented in the pre-meeting. Our Engineer and Attorney have reviewed and approved the bid verbiage and contents. Would like to send the Bid package out by Monday, February 27, 2023. This bid package will be sent to Licensed Contractors. Mayor Riggins asked for a motion to approve this bid package.

A motion was made by Councilmember Roberta Stamp to approve the Mt. Tabor Annex foundation replacement Bid Package to be processed and sent to Licensed Contractors.

A second by Councilmember Wayne Jones.

The Mt. Tabor Annex Foundation Replacement Bid Package was adopted unanimously as presented.

Mayor Riggins will be attending the 2023 Alabama League Convention and would like to recommend the Voting Delegates:

The 1st Voting Delegate: Councilmember Roberta Stamp

The 2nd Voting Delegate: Mayor Protem Wayne Jones.

The 3rd Voting Delegate: Mayor Larry Riggins

A motion was made by Councilmember Dr. Crisman to approve the Alabama League of Municipalities Voting Delegates as recommended.

A second made by Councilmember Annette Tyler.

The Alabama League of Municipalities Voting Delegates recommendations was adopted unanimously as presented.

READING OF PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. - None

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS: None
A discussion was held to allow Mayor Riggins and Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk - Treasurer to open a new Certificate of Deposit (CD) with existing money to a new bank with a higher interest rate.

A motion was made by Councilmember Roberta Stamp to allow to use existing monies to open a new Certificate of Deposit at a new bank with a higher interest rate by Mayor Riggins and Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk – Treasurer.

A second made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The motion to allow Mayor Riggins and Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk – Treasurer to open a new Certificate of Deposit (CD) with existing monies that includes an increased interest rate and was approved unanimously as presented.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Dr. Crisman announced the Westover Business Alliance is working on the "David Wilson Memorial Scholarship" donations and these donations are accepted by Vincent Middle High School and the scholarship award will go to a VMHS Senior. The school will be selecting the Senior Student to be awarded according to merit and need and presented on April 27, 2023. The scholarship goal is \$1000.00 and if we exceed, we would like to expand to the scholarship to Chelsea High School as well.

Councilmember Susan Lane asked Councilmember Dr. Crisman if anyone will be able to donate and he replied, yes.

David Wilson was the Servpro Owner. Mr. Wilson helped start the Westover Business Alliance. He sponsored a lot of the meetings and loved seeing the collaboration between municipalities. If the City or anyone would like to donate contact Dr. Crisman. His son, Benji attended our last Westover Business Alliance and is honored with the Memorial Scholarship.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Dr. Jay Crisman to adjourn.

A second was made by Councilmember Susan Lane.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

Larry Riggins, Mayor

Bonnie Meacham, City Clerk - Treasurer